

Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION **January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: The Ritter Building
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: G. Stillman, J. Mendoza, R. Trakimas.

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve by G. Stillman. Second by R. Trakimas. November 21, 2013 Minutes approved.

The December 19, 2013 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Decision was made to request establishment of email addresses for members and pursue establishment of website. Consideration was given to establishing presence and ease of access to AGCOM information on town website.

Discussion followed concerning getting the Right to Farm By-Law on the warrant for the next Town Meeting. Consideration was given to amending the town's minimum acreage requirement to match the current state minimum. Following creation of AGCOM website, it was decided to post the Right to Farm proposal for the community.

The role of the Agricultural Commissions following passage of the Right to Farm By-Laws was discussed, including their role as mediators, administrators of farmer's markets, and their interactions with the community for outreach, education, and promotion of agriculture. Procurement of street signs indicating that Lunenburg is a Right to Farm community was considered.

The potential vacancy on the commission was discussed. Further information from the Board of Selectmen is to be obtained.

The Farmer's Market management was considered, including the relationship between the Board of Health and the market, as well as how local communities run and promote their markets. Community members who had issued a verbal complaint about denial of access as vendors to an AGCOM member declined their invitation to attend the meeting.

Other topics included the possibility of a regional Agricultural Commission, scheduling a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen, and a continuation of the discussion concerning possible revenue from forestry management opportunities in Lunenburg.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm at The Ritter Building and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey L. Mendoza